

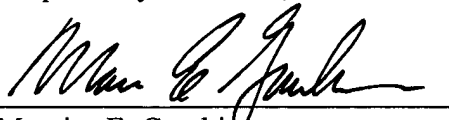
REMARKS

As now amended, this application contains a single independent claim 25. Claim 25 is limited, inter alia, to a pressure sensitive battery label that is heat shrinkable in only a first dimension, with shrinkage being accompanied by growth in the second dimension. The first and second dimensions are denominated respectively as "B" and "A" in Figure 5.

- Neither Lin et al. (U.S. 5,190,609) or Ast (6,248,427 B1) discloses or suggests a pressure sensitive battery film with the claimed shrink/growth characteristics of claim 25. Thus, it is believed that claim 25 and the remaining claims that depend either directly or indirectly from claim 25 are allowable over the art of record.

- The patent and published patent applications identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 all claim priority from provisional application serial No. 60/445,272 filed on February 6, 2003, the same date as the filing of provisional patent application serial No. 60/445,552, for which priority is being claimed in this application. Although none of these listed references qualify as prior art, they are being brought to the attention of the examiner because they disclose and claim related subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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